

Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Location: Town Hall
1215 Centre Rd, Rhinebeck, NY
September 13, 2023 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Barbara Mansell, chair.

CAC Members: Barbara Mansell, Lynne Morrell, Joe Phelan, Margaret Pierpont

Town Board Liaison: Katherine Mustello

Member of the Public: Judy Malstrom

2023 Budget	Amount	Spent	Remaining
CAC A8090.4*	\$2,700	\$259.50	\$2440.50

*Details of the budget may be found in the September 13, 2023 agenda.

Minutes: A motion to accept the August 16, 2023 minutes was made by Margaret and seconded by Lynne. The minutes were approved by the group.

Public Comment – Resident Judy Malstrom – Zero Waste Composting

Move towards zero waste by composting 41% and properly separating recyclables and metal. The goal is to get rid of incinerators in the future. Barbara shared the CCEDC’s Compost brochure. Judy will send information to cac@townofclinton.com to be forwarded by Barbara to the group. The group will discuss at the October meeting. Lynne shared an article from the Times Union on Dutchess County reassessing the future of its trash. <https://www.timesunion.com/hudsonvalley/news/article/dutchess-county-solid-waste-management-plan-18282574.php>

Margaret also has shared a link concerning Rhinebeck’s composting work.

<https://www.thedailycatch.org/articles/local-horse-farm-and-lots-of-manure-rescue-rhinebeck-village-compost-plan/>

Clinton Community Day

Lynne and Margaret reported. Volunteers also included Mady, Jean, Marilyn, Jack, and Richard for the CAC/CSC booths. There were compliments on new Banner. They learned various ways folks used to get rid of spongy moth eggs. There was great interest in Oct 21 presentation. The native plant list was welcomed. The nature trail brochure is needed at the kiosk. Questions about culvert inventory should go to Todd Martin. Margaret will contact Joyce Tomaselli for Jumping Worm information. CSC Task Force had a quiz. Barbara must submit reimbursement forms to claim expenses for Lynne creating a free raffle and Jack’s creation of his NRI brochure. Jumping worms - <https://archive.aweber.com/newsletter/awlist3578021/MjA0MTkzNjI=/coping-with-invasive-jumping-worms-freezing-herbs-join-the-virtual-garden-club.htm>

CAC Task Force

Joe reported that the August 22nd CSC Task Force meeting was cancelled due to another Town organization with priority access using the CSC Task Force's usual meeting location (Masonic Hall) and no other Town space being available that evening. There is concern about completion of the new CAC/CSC website. In particular, one of the requirements for Bronze application is for the Emergency Preparedness Plan to be located on the town website or as a link from the CAC/CSC website. Katherine said the town needs to follow up on the plan details.

Education Outreach

A Spongy Moth presentation will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 1-2:30 in the town hall. Barbara asked Carol to email the flyer through MailChimp and Carol offered to share it with Town Clerks in nearby towns. Barbara will post the program under “News” on the front page of the town website. Mady created a draft of

an“Artificial Night Lighting” flyer that will be reviewed by Margaret. Jean and Barbara put together Welcome Folders for the Community Day. At that time, Jean suggested details be added to the binder describing the information and where the information comes from in the folders. Updated library brochures have been added to the folders and Barbara distributed the folders to the Library, Town Clerk and Town Assessor offices (9/14).

CAC Room

Barbara showed the group the CAC room. Barbara wants to organize and clean out old files before she retires. Katherine suggested she contact Carol Mackin to understand record retention dates. Barbara has ordered shelving.

CAC/CSC Website

Al messaged Barbara that the group could see the website so far. www.clintoncac.com. Contact Barbara for the password.

2024 Budget

Town needs the CAC/CSC 2024 budget submitted.

Clinton Nature Trail

Barbara contacted Custom Forestry Products in Clinton to find out when the new benches will be ready for delivery.

Town Board Meetings

Katherine suggested that a note with information the CAC/CSC would like to be shared at Town Board meetings be sent to her.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, October 21, 2023: Spongy Moth Presentation & Discussion led by Clive G. Jones & Charles D. Canham, Emeritus Senior Scientists, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook. Time: 1pm to 2:30pm
Location: Clinton Town Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023, at 5:30pm.

2023 Meetings: November 8; December 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mansell